

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 205, May 07, 2003 ]**

**DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY AS ONE OF THE COOPERATING AGENCIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER MANILA MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM (GMMTS)**

**WHEREAS**, the NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY owns real properties along the EDSA Corridor that will be affected by the establishment of Greater Manila Mass Transport System (GMMTS) pursuant to Executive Order No. 179 dated February 10, 2003;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will require the temporary use of 24-meter depth frontage areas of real properties owned by government agencies/entities located between North and East Avenues;

**WHEREAS**, the NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, pursuant to its mandated function of providing housing opportunities for the urban poor thru socialized housing program, has to extend and prioritize assistance in the relocation of these urban poor dwellers, including provision for resettlement sites.

**NOW, THEREFORE , I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO** President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1. DESIGNATION.** - The National Housing Authority, hereinafter referred to as NHA, is hereby designated as one of the cooperating agencies in the establishment of the GMMTS, and as such, shall coordinate with the project implementing agency, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority regarding the preparation, review, integration and implementation of existing and future development plans related to the proposed transport terminal aside from the functions and responsibilities as provided for in Section Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of Executive Order No. 179, Series of 2003.

**Sec. 2. ASSISTANCE IN THE RELOCATION OF INFORMAL SETTLERS** - The NHA, as lead agency, shall be responsible for the relocation and resettlement of informal settlers now occupying the vicinities of the proposed transport terminal. The NHA may create such inter-agency Technical Working Group to handle the relocation and resettlement of affected families in coordination with and assistance of concerned agencies in accordance with the procedural guidelines as provided for by pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7279.

**SEC. 3. PROVISION OF RELOCATION SITES** - The NHA shall provide available relocation sites for the dislocated families, otherwise, payment of allowable disturbance compensation and other appropriate assistance shall be offered to the informal settlers as may be recommended by the project implementing agency.

**SEC. 4. EFFECTIVITY** - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.